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1. (Unclassified - GLC) Met with Mr. Joseph Bastien, Executive Assistant to Senator Edward J. Gurney (R., Fla.), about the letter the Senator received from a constituent, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] asked for the Senator's opinion on several articles about Harold Philby especially one entitled "An Interview With Comrade Philby" which according to [REDACTED] purportedly showed that even CIA was fooled by Philby. The Senator's inquiry to the State Department on this was referred to us by State. I told Mr. Bastien that the Agency did not comment on matters of this sort but that I had talked to Mr. Jack Norpel, of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, who would be happy to provide him with the names of some recent publications on Philby that might be of interest to [REDACTED]. Mr. Bastien thought this would be very helpful and would be responsive to [REDACTED] communication.

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2. (Unclassified - JMM) During a conversation with Representative John Moss, Chairman of the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of House Government Operations Committee, I recalled the case several months ago in which he had complained to the Secretary of the Navy about the over-classification of an item which turned out to be of Agency origin. I told Mr. Moss that this was a rather common problem, but arose from the fact that even though the item was from a Soviet publication,

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[REDACTED] it was not widely distributed and since our only access to such material was through a [REDACTED] sensitive source we often had to restrict knowledge of our possession of it. I said I was aware of Moss' concern about over-classification within the Government, and whenever he had any problems with the Agency in this regard I hoped he would call on me. (I have known Mr. Moss socially for some years but have had no recent official contact with him.) Mr. Moss said he understood the problem and would indeed take advantage of my offer if the occasion arose.

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